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C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 0128

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, DM, AG, RO

SUBJECT: DAHOMEY OIL CONCESSION

FRENCH COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR CLAUDE AVRIL INFORMED US JANUARY 23
THAT MRGD HAS BEEN SEEKING HELP FROM VARIOUS SOURCES TO BEGIN
EXPLOITATION OF ITS OIL RESERVES. FIRST, DAHOJMEANS TURNED TO ALGERIA,

SENDING TWO DELEGATIONS TO ALGIERS TO SPEAK WITH APPROPRIATE
AUTHORITIES. AFTER VISIT OF ALGERIAN ENGINEERS TO COTONOU, ALGERIANS
DECIDED NOT TO PURSUE PROJECT. ACCORDING TO AVRIL, DAHOMEANS
THEN TURNED TO ROMANIAN NATIONAL PETROLEUM COMPANY, WHICH ALSO
FAILED TO EXPRESS AN INTEREST.

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